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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Grain bin accidents are serious incidents that  
3 affect farmers across the country; and

4 WHEREAS, More than 900 cases of grain bin entrapments have  
5 been reported with a fatality rate of 62% in the past 50 years;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, In 2015, over 22 grain bin entrapments occurred  
8 with at least 11 fatalities, and in 2014, 38 reported grain bin  
9 entrapments resulted in 17 fatalities which are the highest  
10 numbers since 2010 when 59 entrapments claimed 26 lives; and

11 WHEREAS, The actual number of grain bin related accidents  
12 may be higher than the documented numbers; and

13 WHEREAS, Grain bin accidents can tragically affect  
14 individuals, families, and communities; and

15 WHEREAS, Through education and awareness of hazards and  
16 safe-work practices and procedures, the number of preventable  
17 injuries and deaths associated with grain handling and storage  
18 may be reduced; and

19 WHEREAS, Routine inspections of grain bins, dryers,

1 wagons, augers, and other grain related equipment, should be  
2 conducted to reduce the risk of grain-related hazards; and

3 WHEREAS, Designing and implementing emergency action plans  
4 for farms and commercial businesses can decrease grain-related  
5 fatalities and should be a high priority; and

6 WHEREAS, First organized by Nationwide Agribusiness in  
7 2014, Grain Bin Safety Week is an annual observance that occurs  
8 the third full week of February to promote grain bin safety on  
9 farms and commercial grain-handling facilities; and

10 WHEREAS, Grain Bin Safety Week is a collaborative effort by  
11 industry leaders and agricultural professionals working  
12 together; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
15 declare February 21 to February 27, 2016 as Grain Bin Safety  
16 Week in the State of Illinois; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That we recognize the involvement of the  
18 Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, the Iowa Institute for  
19 Cooperatives, Farm Safety For Just Kids, KC Supply, Co., Inc.,  
20 the Kansas Farmers Service Association, Grain Systems, Inc.,  
21 the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety, CHS

1 Inc., Mennell Milling, M.F. Block, The Scoular Company,  
2 Argi-Business Insurance Services, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.,  
3 Sump Saver, and the National Farm Medicine Center in their  
4 promotion of Grain Bin Safety Week.